

REMARKS

According to the restriction requirement, Applicants must elect from the following three groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-8

Group II: Claims 9-15

Group III: Claims 16-21

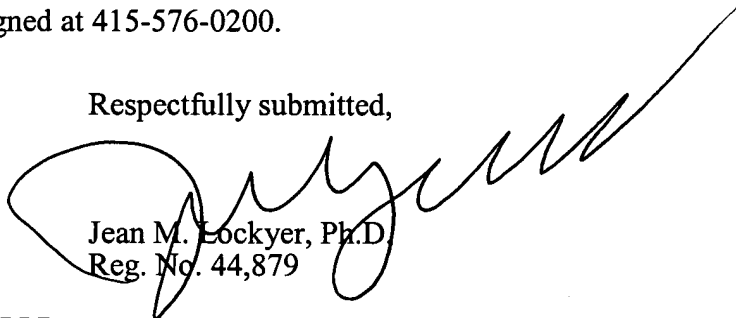
Applicants hereby elect Group I (Claims 1-8) for prosecution in this case.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,


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